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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**In the Specification**

On page 1, before "Statement of Government Rights", please insert

**--Cross-Reference to Related Application**

This application is a divisional of U.S. application No. 09/067,641 filed April 27, 1998.--

Please substitute page 11, paragraph 4 for the paragraph in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of Page 11, Paragraph 4". Specific amendments to page 11, paragraph 4 are detailed in the following marked-up paragraph:

Figure 6. Structure of the p95 cDNA. (A) The schematic diagram represents the structure of the p95 cDNA. The entire 4,483 basepair (bp) cDNA [(SEQ ID NO:1)] is represented by the thin line and the rectangular box is the 754 amino acid (aa) open reading frame (ORF) (SEQ ID NO:2). Within the ORF the grey box indicates the N-terminal region showing homology to *S. cerevisiae* Xrs2. The solid line above the ORF indicates the region cloned by two-hybrid screen utilizing hMre11 as bait. (B) N-terminal alignment of p95 (SEQ ID NO:3) with Xrs2 (SEQ ID NO:4). The shaded boxes indicate the regions of similarity. The two proteins show 28% identity and 46% similarity over the region displayed. The following amino acids were considered similar: {D, E, N, Q} {F, W, Y} {I, L, V} {K, R} {A, G} {S, T} {C} {H} {M} {P}. (C) A Zoo-Blot Southern blot (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA) of EcoRI digested DNA from various species was probed with the *NBS1* cDNA. Lane 1, human; lane 2, monkey; lane 3, rat; lane 4, mouse; lane 5, dog; lane 6, cow; lane 7, rabbit; lane 8, chicken; and lane 9, yeast. The position of size markers (in kilobase pairs) is indicated on the left.

Please substitute page 13, paragraph 5 for the paragraph in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of Page 13, Paragraph 5". Specific amendments to page 13, paragraph 5 are detailed in the following marked-up paragraph:

Figure 14. cDNA sequence of p95 (SEQ ID NO:1).

Please substitute page 73, Table 1 for the table 1 in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of Page 73, Table 1". Specific amendments to page 73, table 1 are detailed in the following marked-up table:

Table 1  
Peptides Obtained From Mass Spectrometry Analysis

Peptide <sup>a</sup>	Position <sup>b</sup>
-QPPQIESFYPPLEPSIGSK-	189-209 (SEQ ID NO:9)
-LSSAVVFGGGEAR-	238-251 (SEQ ID NO: 10)
-WIQSIMDMLQR-	289-299 (SEQ ID NO: 11)
-QGLRPIPEAEIGLAVIFMTTK-	300-320 (SEQ ID NO: 12)
-TTTPGPSLSQGVSVDEK-	335-351 (SEQ ID NO: 13)
-MLSQDAPTVEK-	395-404 (SEQ ID NO: 14)
-TSSNNNSMVSNTLAK-	409-423 (SEQ ID NO: 15)
-IPNYQLSPTKLPSINK-	426-441 (SEQ ID NO: 16)
-NYFQPSTKK-	458-465 (SEQ ID NO:17)
-NKEQHLSSENEPVDNTSDNNLFTDIDLK-	503-529 (SEQ ID NO:18)
-EMDDVAIEDEVLEQLFK-	552-558 (SEQ ID NO: 19)
-MDIETNDTFSDEAVPESSK-	595-613 (SEQ ID NO:20)
-ELKEDSWAK-	625-635 (SEQ ID NO: 21)
-KLLLTEFR-	653-660 (SEQ ID NO:22)
-NPSGINDDYGQLK- <sup>c</sup>	671-683 (SEQ ID NO:23)
-EESLADDLFR-	736-745 (SEQ ID NO:24)

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**In the Claims**

Please substitute the claim set entitled "Clean Version of Pending Claims" attached hereto for the pending set of claims. Specific amendments to individual claims are detailed below.

Please cancel claims 5-19 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An isolated and purified nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid segment encoding a vertebrate DNA repair polypeptide, or a biologically active [subunit or variant] fragment thereof, wherein the polypeptide has a molecular weight of about 95000 Da as determined by SDS-PAGE.

Please add the following new claims:

20. (New) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 further comprising a promoter.
21. (New) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 wherein the nucleic acid segment is SEQ ID NO:1.
22. (New) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 which encodes a fusion polypeptide comprising at least a portion of the DNA repair polypeptide which binds an antibody specific for SEQ ID NO:2.

**Remarks**

Claims 5-19 are canceled, claim 1 is amended and claims 20-22 added. The pending claims are claims 1-4 and 20-22.

Amended claim 1 is supported by originally-filed claim 1.

New claim 20 is supported by page 4, lines 14-18 of the specification. New claim 21 is supported by originally-filed claim 4 and Example 2. New claim 22 is supported by page 4, lines 14-18 and page 15, lines 3-5 of the specification.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the amendments herein prior to taking up the above-identified application for the first Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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